

Resolution of the City of Newark, N.J.

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Date of Adoption OCT 17 2001

Resolution directing the City Clerk, on behalf of the Municipal Council, to direct Wilfredo Benitez, Attorney-at-Law, 41 Watchung Plaza, Montclair, New Jersey 07042, to institute a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Newark Housing Authority to stop the proposed plans to depopulate Brick Towers.

Approved as to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth

Factual contents verified by

Council Member

presents the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2001, through Resolution 7Rdl, the Municipal Council hired Attorney Wilfredo Benitez, 41 Watchung Plaza, Montclair, New Jersey 07042, to represent the City of Newark in legal matters in connection with HUD and the Newark Housing Authority (NHA) relating to Brick Towers; and

WHEREAS, since the date of this contract, there has been new developments regarding the pending sale of Brick Towers from HUD to the NHA; and

WHEREAS, there is a pending question regarding whether Brick Towers will be demolished once the development is conveyed to the NHA; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council deems it imperative to commence legal action against HUD and the Newark Housing Authority to prevent the demolition of Brick Towers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT it does hereby direct the City Clerk to direct Wilfredo Benitez, Attorney-at-Law, 41 Watchung Plaza, Montclair, New Jersey 07042, to institute a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Newark Housing Authority to stop with the proposed plans to depopulate Brick Towers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Wilfredo Benitez, Attorney-at-Law.

CERTIFIED TO BY ME THIS
19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001

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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE

Council Member	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	Council Member	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	Council Member	AYE	NAY	NV	AB
AMADOR	✓				CARRARO	✓				TUCKER	M	✓		
BOOKER	✓				CHARNEYFIELD JENSON	✓				WALKER	✓			
BRIDGEFORTH	✓				QUINTANA	✓				BRADLEY	✓	5	✓	
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Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Newark, N.J., OCT 17 2001

Donald Bradley
President of the Council

Robert P. Marino
City Clerk

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Resolution by the Municipal Council strongly urging the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Newark Housing Authority to reject any proposed plans to demolish Brick Towers Apartments located at 685-715 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard.

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 Corporation Counsel
 Councilman

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presents the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in recent years, the City of Newark has experienced a significant decrease in the number of low-income housing units; and

WHEREAS, in large part, this decrease is attributable to the ongoing demolition of high-rise housing units throughout the City of Newark; and

WHEREAS, during the past ten years, the Newark Housing Authority (NHA) has demolished in excess of 5,000 low-income subsidized housing units while only constructing approximately 1,200 housing units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark has demolished in excess of 3000 non-subsidized homes for large families with 2 to 4 subsidized bedroom units during the same ten year period; and

WHEREAS, the destruction of housing, especially low-income, has produced a waiting list at the NHA of more than 3,000 prospective families; and

WHEREAS, presently the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the NHA are negotiating the sale of Brick Towers, 685-715 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., to the NHA which purportedly has plans to demolish this complex which has 300 housing units and provides 195 subsidized units for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is opposed to any plans to demolish Brick Towers because it will inevitably add to Newark's growing homeless population which exceeds 18,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of Brick Towers is vitally important in light of the diminishing number of subsidized low-income large families, housing units available in the City of Newark.

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Resolution supporting a majority of the Tenant Platform actions adopted by the Greater Newark HUD Tenants Coalition at its conference of October 20, 2001.

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Council Member _____ presents the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2001, the Greater Newark HUD Tenants Coalition, representing more than (50) tenant groups, held a conference to discuss the issues of affordable housing within the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of said conference produced a "Tenant Platform" which advocates the lobbying of local, state and federal elected officials to: 1) preserve existing affordable housing in good condition; 2) make existing housing affordable to very low income people; and 3) produce more affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Tenant Platform is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, embodied within said platform are a number of actions delineated by governmental level a majority of which are consistent with the Municipal Council's position on affordable housing policies in Newark; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Municipal Council has demonstrated a long history of supporting affordable housing policies and programs by authorizing grants and contracts to developers of low income housing projects while advocating against the demolition of structurally sound high rise apartment buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT it does hereby support a majority of the Tenant Platform actions adopted by the Greater Newark HUD Tenants Coalition at its conference of October 20, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Greater Newark HUD Tenants Coalition for their records.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT it does hereby urge the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Newark Housing Authority to reject any proposed plans to demolish Brick Towers Apartments located at 685-715 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to United States Senators Robert Torricelli and Jon Corzine, United States Representative Donald Payne, Mayor Sharpe James, Ms. Diane Johnson, State Coordinator of the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, Commissioners of the Newark Housing Authority and Mr. Robert Graham, Executive Director, Newark Housing Authority.

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